

LEGAL NOTICE

Date: August 17, 2007

**State Revolving Fund Loan Program Categorical Exclusion (CE): Plant Wide Electrical Improvements, Phase C, Indianapolis, Marion County. DPW Project WT-01-074; SRF Project Number to be determined at loan closing.**

To all interested parties: this is notification that the Plant Wide Electrical Improvements, Phase C project as described in the Indianapolis Preliminary Engineering Report 5C-J is categorically excluded from substantive environmental review. The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program is submitting a draft CE and associated documentation for public comment.

The city proposes to implement design and construction of electrical improvements for various processes and in various locations at the Belmont and Southport wastewater treatment plants.

The cost for design and construction at both plants is estimated to be \$12,935,500. Indianapolis will borrow that amount from the SRF Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing.

There are no feasible alternatives to the proposed action. The "no-action" alternative was rejected, since failure to make upgrades could result in equipment failures or damage to equipment.

The documentation supporting this draft CE is available for review at the following locations and weekday and/or weekend times:

City Of Indianapolis Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, 604 North Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201, Weekdays, 9am-4pm.

SRF Loan Programs, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1275, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 Weekdays, 7:30am-4pm and at [www.srf.in.gov](http://www.srf.in.gov).

Comments on the draft CE will be accepted through September 17. Please submit your comments to:

SRF Loan Programs  
Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
100 N. Senate Ave.; Room IGCN 1275  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

At the close of the public comment period, the SRF Loan Program will review any comments received and determine whether modifications to the proposed project might be warranted. If no substantive comments are received, the draft CE will become final and the SRF Loan Program will approve the proposed Plant Wide Electrical Improvements.



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**INDIANAPOLIS**                      **to be determined at loan closing**

(Loan Applicant)

(SRF Project Number)

**Plant Wide Electrical  
Improvements, Phase C**  
(Project Title)

**Date: August 17, 2007**

**Deadline for submittal of comments: September 17, 2007**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) has determined that this project will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

The purpose of this notice is to seek input and comments on the SRF's preliminary decision that neither an Environmental Assessment (EA) nor an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to implement the recommendations discussed in the attached Categorical Exclusion request.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Any comments supporting or disagreeing with this preliminary decision should be submitted within 30 days of the above issuance date to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs IGCN 1275  
100 North Senate Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

*What happens next?*

If we do not receive substantive comments during the 30-day comment period which indicate that serious environmental issues exist, the Preliminary Decision will become final. If the scope of the project changes significantly or if the proposed site is changed, the final notice will be revoked and the project's environmental impacts will be reevaluated. In such a case, a new Categorical Exclusion may be issued for another 30-day comment period, or SRF Programs will prepare an EA or EIS; we may also reaffirm our earlier decision of Categorical Exclusion by issuing a memo or letter to the project's State Revolving Fund Official Loan File.

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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

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### **I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Project Name and Address: **Plant Wide Electrical Improvements, Phase C  
PER 5C-J; DPW #WT-01-074**  
City of Indianapolis Dept of Public Works  
2460 County-City Building  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

SRF Project Number: to be determined at loan closing

Authorized Representative: Kumar Menon, Director  
Department of Public Works

### **II. PROJECT LOCATION**

This project proposes design and construction services for electrical improvements at the Belmont and Southport wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs). See Exhibits 1 and 2.

The Southport plant is located at Southport Road and White River in the Maywood USGS Quadrangle, Township 14 North, Range 3 East, Section 8. The Belmont plant is located at Raymond and Harding, Maywood quadrangle, Township 15 North, Range 3 East, Sections 22 and 27.

### **III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE**

Much of the electrical equipment was installed in the early or mid 1980s. The majority of the equipment is located outdoors and exposed to the elements or within buildings with corrosive atmospheres. In some cases, equipment has become obsolete. Spare parts are difficult to obtain.

Under the no action alternative, the electrical systems would remain in their current unsatisfactory condition. Repairs would be made only as necessary and only as funding is available. This could result in equipment failures or damage to equipment.

The "Design and Construction of Electrical Improvements" alternative will fund the design and construction of electrical improvements at the Southport and Belmont AWT plants. The construction will prevent future failures and potential damage to equipment and components. This is the selected alternative.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING**

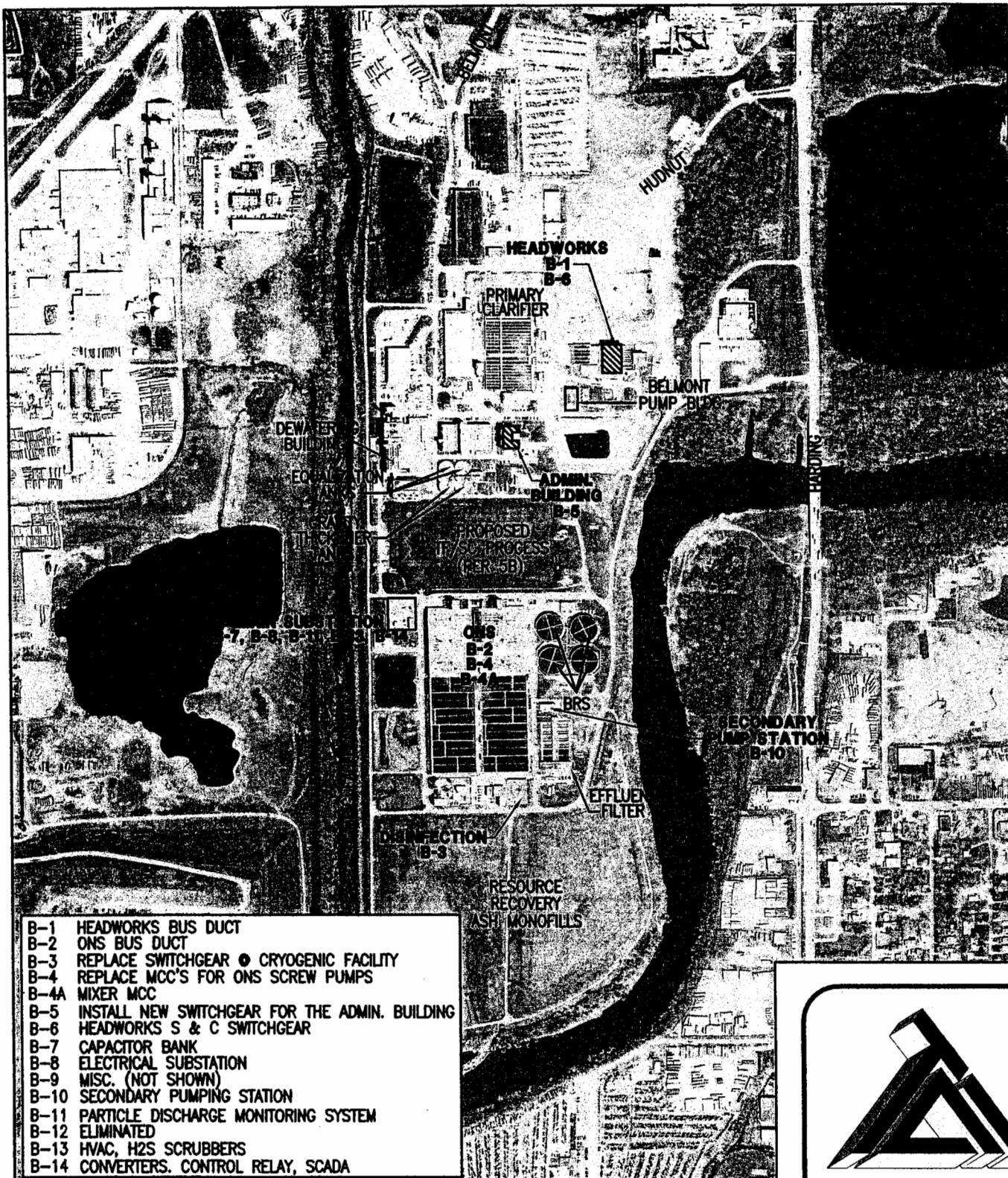
The project cost is estimated to be \$12,935,500. Indianapolis will borrow the entire amount from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. The city has and will continue to adjust its rates and charges to pay for the projects and debt service.

#### **V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES**

Construction may result in minor disturbances for mobilization and demobilization. All project areas have been significantly disturbed by previous construction activity. The project will not affect the Belmont Pump Building (see Exhibit 1), a site listed as "Notable" in the Marion County Center Township Interim Report of Historic Sites and Structures. Any visual and audible effects will be temporary. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "*no historic properties affected.*" See Exhibits 3 and 4. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, in correspondence dated June 27, 2006, stated that the project "*will not cause a conversion of prime farmland.*"

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

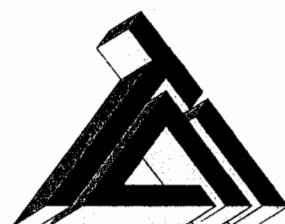
A properly noticed public hearing was held on March 20, 2007 at 1:00 PM in Room 260 of the City-County Building to discuss the project. No negative comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and the city did not receive written comments in the ten days following the hearing.



**CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
PROPOSED ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS  
BELMONT AWT PLANT (WT-01-074)**

SCALE: 1" = 800'

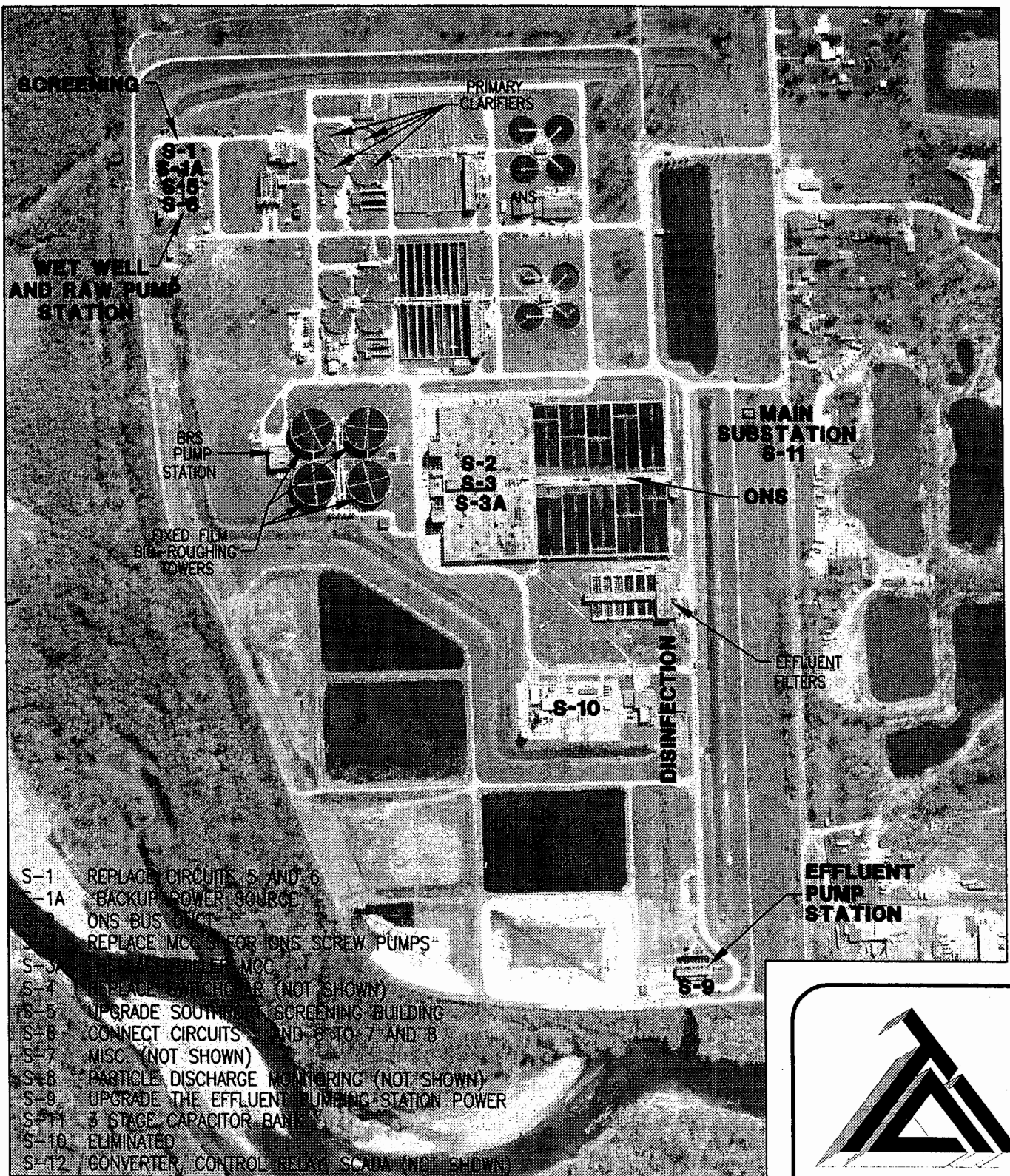
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**EXHIBIT 1**

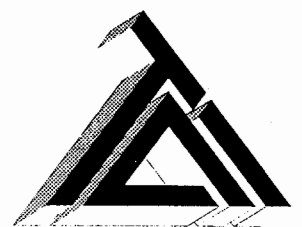




**CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**  
**PROPOSED ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
**SOUTHPORT AWT PLANT (WT-01-074)**

SCALE: 1" = 500'

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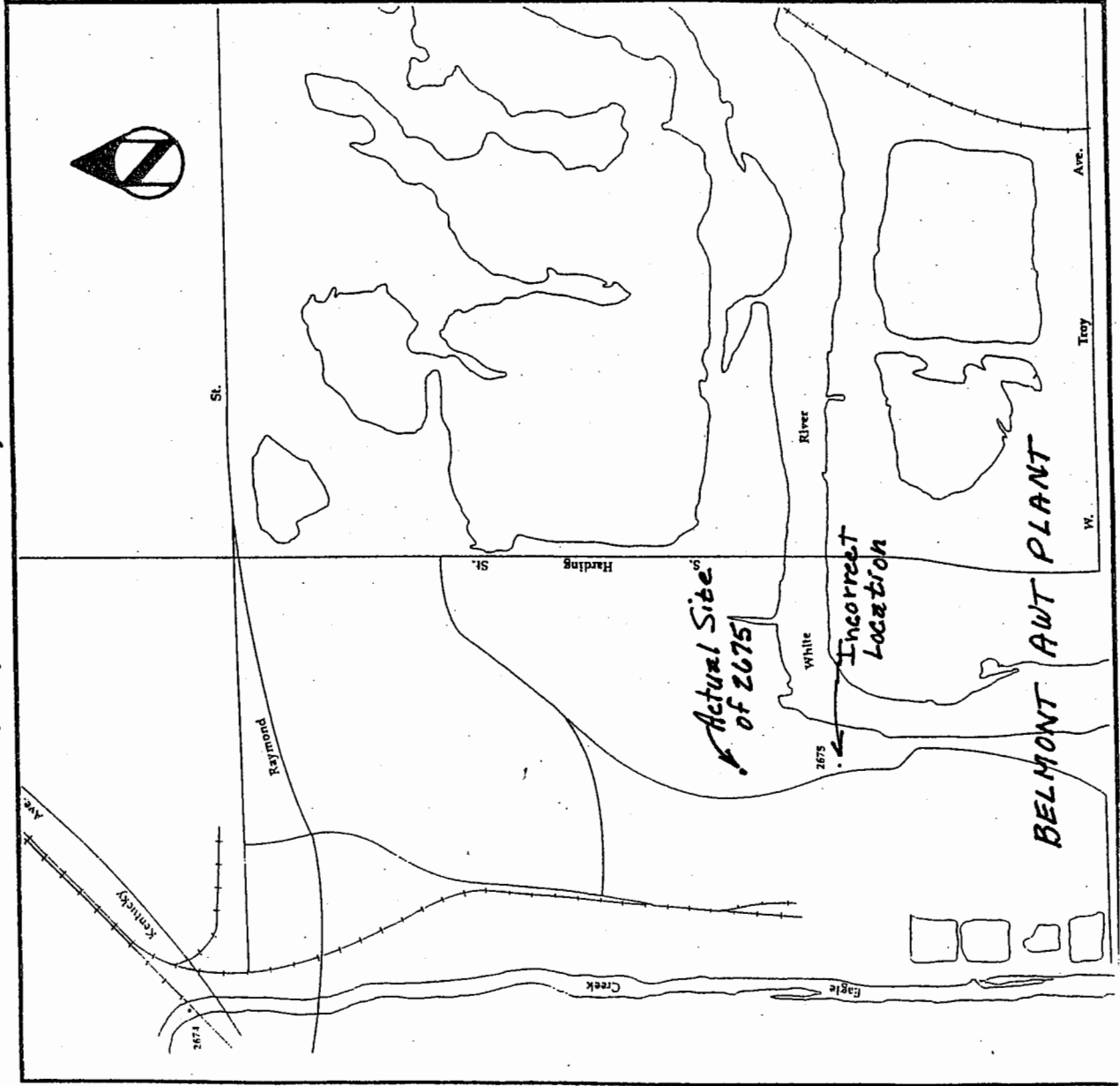
**EXHIBIT 2**

# Map #19

MARION COUNTY MAYWOOD  
CENTER TWP QUAD  
(098) (392)

Site #2674

No. Rtg. Description  
098 392 02674  
2674 N Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge,  
Kentucky Avenue and Belmont Street  
over Eagle Creek; Pratt Through Pratt  
Pony, c.1900; Engineering,  
Transportation (392)  
098 392 02675  
2675 N Belmont Pump Building, NA;  
Mediterranean Revival, 1924;  
Architecture (392)



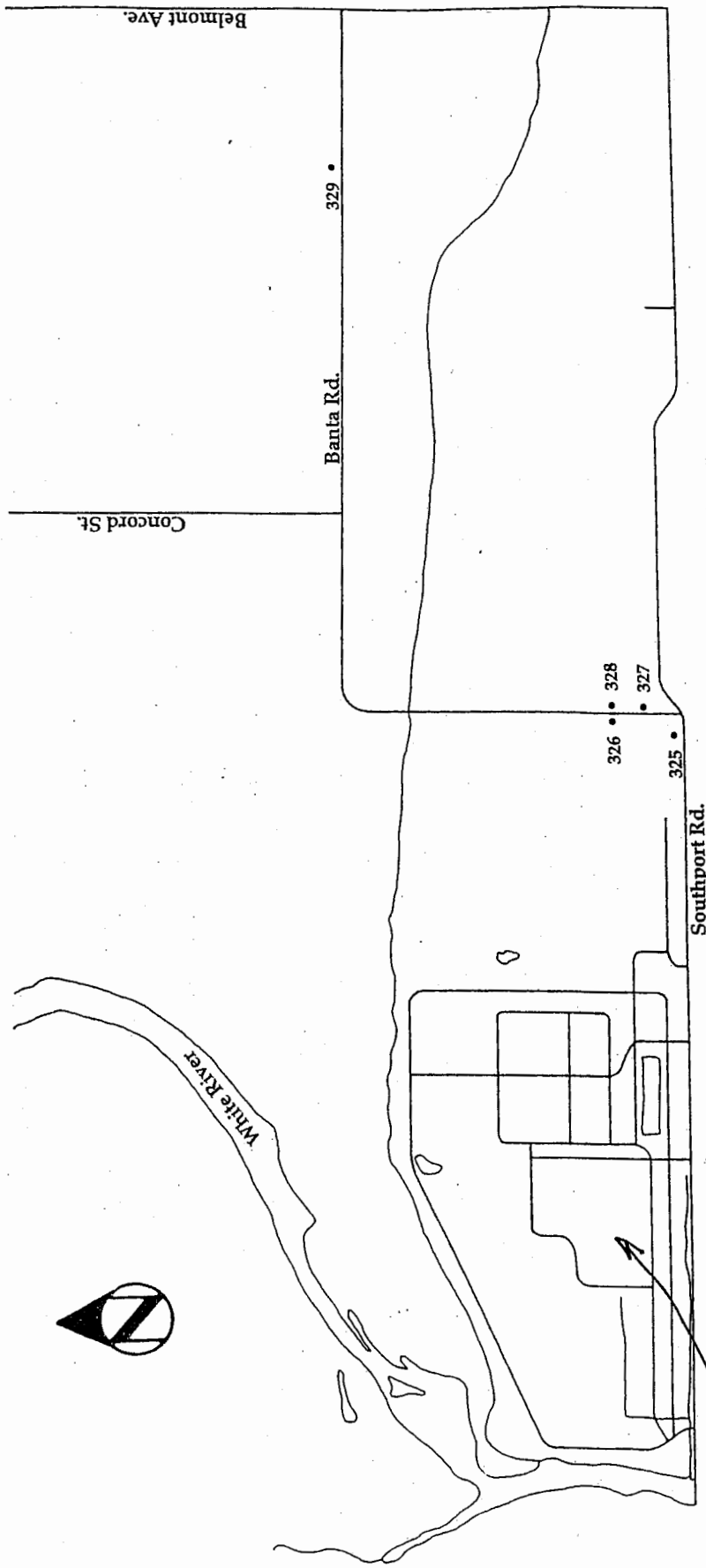
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## EXHIBIT 3

Center Township  
Marion County Interim Report  
Revised June 2007

# Perry Township — Map #15 Sites #85325-329

MARION COUNTY (097)      MAYWOOD QUAD (392)      PERRY TOWNSHIP (85)



DPW PER 5C  
**EXHIBIT 4**

Perry Township  
 Marion County Interim Report